



Marcus Dwayne Moran

January 28, 1966 - September 24, 2025

Marcus Dwayne Moran born on January 28th, 1966 in San Francisco, California, passed away at the age of 59. Marcus was doing what he loved, working at a landscaping job alongside his employees on Lake Norman, where he suffered a heart attack.

Marcus was preceded in death by Billy Franklin Moran (father), and Skipper Wayne Moran (brother). He is survived by Dana Lou Ryan (mother), Sherri Ann Moran (wife), Morgan Ann Moran (daughter), Michael (Valerie) Moran, brother, Tammy (Kevin) Firestone, sister, and several nieces and nephews whom he showered with love.

Marcus grew up eating, sleeping, and breathing basketball with his dad, older brothers, and friends. In his young adult years, he took a keen interest in landscaping when he started working with his oldest brother, Mike, in Arkansas. Later he moved to Oceanside, California where he worked for the U.S. postal service. In 1996, Marcus married his wife, Sherri, of 29 years. Marcus served in the Army National Guard from 1992-2000. In 2001, his only daughter Morgan was born. Marcus started his own landscaping business in 2006, Northlake Landscapes, which grew into one of the most successful small landscaping businesses in the Lake Norman area. Marcus loved spending time with his family and friends on Lake Norman. Marcus was humble, driven, dedicated, trustworthy, goofy and most importantly loved

throughout the community from his customer base, landscaping vendors, employees, church community, and of course, his large extended family.

His motto: work hard, play hard, love hard.

The family will receive friends from 4 - 6 PM, Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, followed by a service at 6 PM in the Chapel. For those unable to attend click the following link to view the livestream: <https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/index.php?data=MTc1OTI1NzMxNzM4MjY0MyZvbmVyb29tLWFkbWluJmNvcHlfbGluaw==>

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, is serving the family of Mr. Moran. Condolences may be made to the Moran family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

SEP 30. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home
494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Funeral Service

SEP 30. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Chapel
494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall



“ *Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Marcus Dwayne Moran*



Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory - September 30, 2025 at 05:23 PM

LB

“ *I am just heartbroken to hear this news. Marcus was so good to my parents when they were alive. He gave my mother a beautiful backyard to look at during the last years of her life. After her death he was always quick to help my dad with all his landscaping needs. Marcus was always so kind with them and with me. I am so sorry for you loss.*

Laura Ballenger - October 06, 2025 at 04:34 PM

TF

Thank you. He was the best. We miss him so very much.

Tammy Firestone - October 21, 2025 at 12:47 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marcus Dwayne Moran.*



September 30, 2025 at 08:46 AM

IS

“ *InSouth Insurance Services purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Marcus Dwayne Moran.*



InSouth Insurance Services - September 29, 2025 at 04:20 PM

AN

“ *Deepest condolences to your family. Marcus worked with us many years ago, helping us plan a beautiful outdoor space. He was always so kind and positive with an amazing work ethic. We are very sorry to hear this sad news. Rob and Angela (Waxhaw NC)*



Angela - September 29, 2025 at 03:09 PM

BD

I'm sorry to here oh the passing of Marcus. He was a great guy and did our backyard space like no other. My condolences to the family. Barney Durham

Barney Durham - September 30, 2025 at 03:03 PM

TF

Thank you so much. He loved his business and we miss him greatly.

Tammy Firestone - October 21, 2025 at 12:49 PM

MG

“ *Mariners Walk Gang purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Marcus Dwayne Moran.*



Mariners Walk Gang - September 29, 2025 at 10:52 AM

MG

“ *Mariners Walk Gang planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marcus Dwayne Moran.*

Mariners Walk Gang - September 29, 2025 at 10:52 AM

JF

“ *We are so very sorry, saddened and shocked to hear about Marcus. Prayers for you all during this time. Ferguson Backflow - Jim, Robin, & Landon Ferguson*

Jim Ferguson - September 29, 2025 at 10:21 AM

TF

Thank you so much. There is a huge hole in our lives.

Tammy Firestone - October 21, 2025 at 12:50 PM

NT

“ *So sad to hear this news, I will miss you Marcus. Prayers of comfort to his family and friends. Nick Tewell Smith Turf and Irrigation*

Nick Tewell - September 29, 2025 at 07:11 AM

TF

Thank you. We miss him greatly.

Tammy Firestone - October 21, 2025 at 12:50 PM

FL

“ From Jeff and Jean Longworth purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Marcus Dwayne Moran.



From Jeff and Jean Longworth - September 28, 2025 at 06:31 PM

FL

“ From Jeff and Jean Longworth planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marcus Dwayne Moran.

From Jeff and Jean Longworth - September 28, 2025 at 06:31 PM



“ I am shocked and so saddened. Mark was one of my High School buddies. We loved hanging out at each other's homes, cruising around town but perhaps our best times were on the court (almost winning the state championship my Sr. Year). I loved that Mark married such an amazing woman and had a beautiful daughter. It was so obvious his love for his family and his God as he grew into a godly man. I love you Mark. My sympathies are with Sherri and their precious daughter.

Mike Thomas - September 28, 2025 at 01:22 PM

TF

Thank you so much. My family misses him greatly. A huge hole in our lives is gone.

Tammy Firestone - October 21, 2025 at 12:51 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marcus Dwayne Moran.



September 27, 2025 at 02:23 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marcus Dwayne Moran.

September 27, 2025 at 02:23 PM



“ Marcus was a good man and I am always stunned when a good man dies young. He should rest well knowing a lot of people will miss him.

Dick Dyer - September 27, 2025 at 11:51 AM



Thank you so much. We miss him and are at a loss.

Tammy Firestone - October 21, 2025 at 12:52 PM



“ I am so saddened to hear of Marcus sudden passing. Some of my best childhood memories involved Marcus and your family. I know that it's been many years since I have seen any of you but you still feel like my family. All my sympathies. With love, Renée Williams

Renee Williams - September 27, 2025 at 09:37 AM

KM

“ Karen M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marcus Dwayne Moran.

Karen M. - September 27, 2025 at 09:31 AM

DV

“ Doug V. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marcus Dwayne Moran.

Doug V. - September 26, 2025 at 09:48 PM

DV

“ I heard of the passing of marcus today i was quite upset a visably shaken i myself was working along with my trusted employees working outside creating life long dreams for people I was in south charlotte with my landscape and irrigation business and marcus was in north charlotte with his wonderful business that he started from scratched and build to a very respectable business in the lake norman area We worked together at southern tree and landscape for 2 years I had just moved here from upstate new york and he was the first person i met on my first day of work at the company His affections humor and kindness to everyone will be missed We would all always took the time to call each other to see how business was doing and talk about each others work We went to classes for our certifications trade shows This is sad for everyone in the Green industry in the charlotte area It was my honor to know marcus moran for last 25 years My sincere sympathy goes out to his family and all his dear friends God Bless Doug Viele watersaver irrigation waxhaw north carolina

Doug viele - September 26, 2025 at 09:37 PM

RW

“ Renee, Darrin, Dana, & Carol Williams Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Marcus Dwayne Moran.



Renee, Darrin, Dana, & Carol Williams Family - September 26, 2025 at 09:33 PM

GL

“ Garry Barnard , G&G Builders of LKN purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Marcus Dwayne Moran.



Garry Barnard , G&G Builders of LKN - September 26, 2025 at 08:10 PM

GL

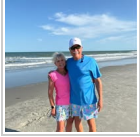
“ Garry Barnard , G&G Builders of LKN planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marcus Dwayne Moran.

Garry Barnard , G&G Builders of LKN - September 26, 2025 at 08:10 PM

CS

“ Marcus was our go-to guy for all landscape/hardscape projects over the past 20 years. I will remember him as a kind, knowledgeable, hardworking man. Prayers of peace and healing to his wife, daughter and extended family.

Cindy Samaha - September 26, 2025 at 05:39 PM



“ *I am shocked and saddened by the sudden death of Marcus. He was my landscaper for several houses. He spoke often of his daughter with beaming pride. My prayers to his family.*

Patz Hayes - September 26, 2025 at 04:56 PM

PW

“ *Sherrie and Morgan. Marcus did landscaping for my husband and I. We often said that he was truly a nice person. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.*
Pola Wilhelm

Pola Wilhelm - September 26, 2025 at 04:19 PM

SA

“ *Sandra & Jim Adkins lit a candle in memory of Marcus Dwayne Moran*



Sandra & Jim Adkins - September 26, 2025 at 03:40 PM

WE

“ *William and Rosie Easterday purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Marcus Dwayne Moran.*



William and Rosie Easterday - September 26, 2025 at 01:14 PM

SK

“ Scott and Jennifer Kauffman purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Marcus Dwayne Moran.



Scott and Jennifer Kauffman - September 26, 2025 at 01:06 PM

SK

“ Scott and Jennifer Kauffman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marcus Dwayne Moran.

Scott and Jennifer Kauffman - September 26, 2025 at 01:06 PM

DH

“ David & Theresa Howell purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Marcus Dwayne Moran.



David & Theresa Howell - September 26, 2025 at 01:06 PM

WF

“ Walter F. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marcus Dwayne Moran.

Walter F. - September 26, 2025 at 12:21 PM

BG

“ So saddened to hear about Marcus' passing. My prayers and well wishes to all his family and friends. Marcus was such a kind sole! I met Marcus when he came to my aid after my own husband's death. I was confused about my yard irrigation. He helped solve my yard issues and was so supportive to teach me how to access the software. He was honest and fair. May he live on with God and in all your fond memories! Barbara Goldstein, Cornelius, NC

Barbara Goldstein - September 26, 2025 at 12:15 PM

MK

“ We are so sorry for the tragic loss of your loved one. He was a great member of our community and we'll remember him fondly for his patience, understanding, and dedication to providing exceptional irrigation service to us. With sincere condolences, Marsha and Kolin



Marsha Kimura - September 26, 2025 at 11:55 AM

DG

“ we lived across the street and sherri helped us sell our home we met marcus a few times--he was and will be missed love to sherri and morgan the gwilts

douglas and jane gwilt - September 26, 2025 at 11:51 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Marcus Dwayne Moran.



September 26, 2025 at 11:13 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marcus Dwayne Moran.

September 26, 2025 at 11:13 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray* was purchased for the family of Marcus Dwayne Moran.



September 26, 2025 at 10:57 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marcus Dwayne Moran.

September 26, 2025 at 10:57 AM



“ *Ma and Pa* purchased the *Full Of Love Bouquet* for the family of Marcus Dwayne Moran.



Ma and Pa - September 26, 2025 at 10:53 AM



“ *Ma and Pa* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marcus Dwayne Moran.

Ma and Pa - September 26, 2025 at 10:53 AM

MM

“ *Mark and Lisa Michel purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Marcus Dwayne Moran.*



Mark and Lisa Michel - September 26, 2025 at 10:37 AM

MM

“ *Mark and Lisa Michel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marcus Dwayne Moran.*

Mark and Lisa Michel - September 26, 2025 at 10:37 AM



“ *I remember when we used to run around in his Volkswagen Thing, he was a fun person to be around! RIP my brotha!*

Noy Bayani - September 26, 2025 at 10:03 AM

DM

“ Marcus was a very kind man he loved his family a lot. I'm am very glad to know him as my brother-in-law. He is now with the Lord looking down on them. I wrote this
GONE TO SOON
Words could not describe the loss of saying farewell to you,
Now heaven chose to give you wings now it's time to fly through the pearly gates to meet your savor.
I wish Morgan and I could have more time with you that God would have let you stay.
Gone too soon, but never forgotten,
forever you will remain our guiding light are shining star until we see your smiling face again.
Donna Marshall

Donna Msrshall - September 26, 2025 at 09:18 AM

TF

Thank you Donna. So beautiful.

Tammy Firestone - September 26, 2025 at 09:22 AM

VH

I offer my sincere condolences to Marcus' family and friends. In 2008, Marcus began nearly two decades of incredible work at my home. I will miss him very much.

Van Hillard - September 26, 2025 at 12:40 PM

VB

I am so sorry to read this news of Marcus's passing. He was my all-time favorite landscaper after the amazing transformation he did at our home in Davidson. We moved in 2017 and I have often thought of the beautiful work he did for us and what a nice person he was to work with. Please know he was greatly appreciated by his customers. My thoughts and prayers are with his friends and family.

Vallee Bubak - September 26, 2025 at 12:58 PM

GB

I am so sorry and shocked to hear of Marcus's passing. He has done my work for the past 10 -12 years and not only was he my landscaping sub he also was a friend and will be very much missed. Rest in peace.
Garry Barnard

Garry Barnard - September 26, 2025 at 07:56 PM

JZ

Our thoughts & prayers go out to his family.he did our Irragation & landscaping for over 19 years.he was a great guy , he will be missed.
John & Barbara Zayatz

john zayatz - October 01, 2025 at 09:29 AM